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TO HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

XMT AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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FOLLOWING REPEAT ADDIS ABABA 1380 ACTION SECSTATE INFO LIBREVILLE  
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER  
CINCPAC MAR 25.

QUOTE: UNCLAS ADDIS ABABA 1380

DEPT PASS HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, ET, SO

SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL WAR IN OGADEN IS OVER

1. ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS COMMAND  
(NROC) ANNOUNCED MARCH 24 THAT ETHIOPIAN FORCES HAD CLEARED  
ENTIRE SOUTHERN FRONT OF ALL SOMALI TROOPS. THE FORCES HAD  
RE-ESTABLISHED FULL CONTROL IN THE ENTIRE SECTOR AND WERE  
NOW ENGAGED IN RESTORING NORMALCY AND REHABILITATING WAR  
VICTIMS. NROC CLAIMED THAT ETHIOPIANS RECAPTURED IMI  
(ON BALE-HARARGHE PROVINCIAL BORDER) MARCH 19 AND SOUTHERN BALE  
TOWN OF BARE, NEAR SOMALI BORDER ON MARCH 23, THUS COMPLETING  
CONVENTIONAL WAR WITH SOMALIA.

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2. COMPANION ARTICLE IN MARCH 25 ETHIOPIAN HERALD DESCRIBED  
ENORMOUS DESTRUCTION BY SOMALIS OF TOWN OF GODE, A MAJOR  
RESETTLEMENT PROJECT IN SOUTHERN OGADEN AREA AND LOCATION  
OF STRATEGIC AIRFIELD. ARTICLE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOGRAPHS  
SHOWING CONDITIONS BEFORE AND AFTER SOMALI INVASION.  
ETHIOPIAN MEDIA CONTINUING TO DRAW ATTENTION TO EXTENSIVE DAMAGE  
CAUSED BY THE SOMALI INVASION TO PROPERTY, RESETTLEMENT AND

HUMANITARIAN

PROJECTS, AND THE ALMOST TOTAL DISRUPTION OF THE LIVES  
OF ETHIOPIAN CITIZENS IN OGADEN AREA.

3. IT IS PROBABLE THAT DURING THE PERIOD WHEN ETHIOPIANS ARE  
WORKING TO REHABILITATE WAR-AFFECTED AREAS, ANTI-SOMALI  
CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE VIGOROUSLY. WHILE CONVENTIONAL  
WARFARE HAS ENDED IN OGADEN, IT IS LIKELY THAT SOME FORM OF  
SHIFTA (BANDIT) ACTIVITY WILL RESUME IN NEAR FUTURE,  
ESPECIALLY GIVEN PUBLIC COMMITMENT BY WESTERN SOMALI AND  
SOMALI ABO LIBERATION FRONTS TO CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE.

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